

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION AT CINCINNATI**

BRIAN THOMA,

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Petitioner,

Case No. 1:20-cv-282

- vs -

WARDEN, Pickaway Correctional Institution,

District Judge Timothy S. Black  
Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz

Respondent.

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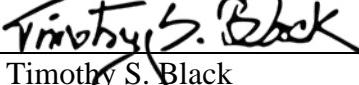
**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Court has reviewed the Report and Recommendations of United States Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz (ECF No. 20) to whom this case was referred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), and noting that no objections have been filed thereto and that the time for filing such objections under Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b) has expired, hereby ADOPTS said Report and Recommendations.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the Petition be DISMISSED with prejudice. Petitioner is DENIED any requested certificate of appealability and the Court hereby certifies to the United States Court of Appeals that an appeal would be objectively frivolous and therefore should not be permitted to proceed in forma pauperis.

November 18, 2020.

  
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Timothy S. Black  
United States District Judge